

Tax appeals due

By Andy Slering
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Property owners who want to appeal the multipliers used to equalize their tax assessments have until midnight Wednesday to get their appeals in the mail.

They must pick up a special form at their township offices.

Postcards were sent out May 1 to property owners listing the multipliers. By state statute, appeals must be filed within 30 days, said Madison County Supervisor of Assessments, Robert Harris.

The multipliers for Quad City townships were: Chouteau — 1.0475; Granite City — 1.0125; Nameoki — 0.9127; and Venice — 0.7746.

Only five of the 24 townships in Madison County had higher multipliers than Chouteau Township. Property owners will pay 4.75 percent more taxes on average this year than last.

Venice Township had the lowest multiplier. Property owners will pay 22 percent lower taxes on average.

Venice and Nameoki were the only townships with a multiplier lower than 1.0000.

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Harris principal retained

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

MADISON — A relieved David Becherer left the District 12 board office Thursday afternoon, satisfied with the knowledge that he would return as the Harris School principal next year.

District 12 school board members voted to rescind a previous motion reassigning Becherer to a teaching position next school year and calling for an outside agency to evaluate Becherer during the coming school year.

Only member Bruce Trotts voted against the motion. Members Ed Dohnal and Wilbur Owens were absent.

Before the vote, member Billie Bosworth wanted

to "clear things up" regarding the board's initial decision.

"In spite of what Mr. Becherer said, he was told again and again when the administration was unhappy with his performance," Bosworth said. "As for those instances not being documented, I cannot answer to that."

Member Ed Newsome, who made the rescinding motion, said that the lack of such documentation made him reconsider his vote to have Becherer reassigned.

John Hamlin III, board president, added that "things weren't



Becherer



CHECKING IT OUT: Making sure it's for real, Larry Hays, left, takes a close look at his kindergarten graduation diploma Thursday night at Harris School in Madison. Looking with him is classmate Michael Jackson.

A child's view of war

Children in the Parkview School sixth-grade class of teacher Sandra Peterson were asked to write an essay on Memorial Day. The best entry was then given to the Press-Record/Journal. What follows is the work of Aaron M. Smithers, son of Linda Smithers. He calls his poem "War and Peace."

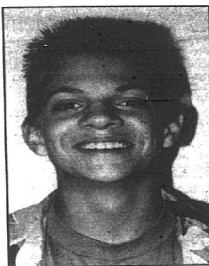
In 1941 Japan bombed our harbor
Most of us when we heard were
in horror
The Japanese had ships, planes
and faith
But they didn't know what we
had on Midway.

In Vietnam we had a choice, go
to war or Canada
Our friends were getting slaughtered
and kept in cages of bamboo
When we go back, people were
throwing eggs
We never knew we were fighting
for honor.

So now it's peace on Earth and
Mercy Mild
In Honduras there's a crying
child.

Viet vets who are in nets in their
minds
But I know someday Russia and
America will bind.

Editor's note: As a related reminder, the dedication of the new Greater Granite City War Memorial will take place at 9 a.m. Monday in Memorial Park along Madison Avenue, across from St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The memorial will honor 224 veterans from this area who gave their lives during military service.



Aaron Smithers
... Parkview School

Hennessey glad 'roller coaster' over

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Nearly four months after it began, the selection process for choosing a new associate judge has come to an end.

Robert Hennessey said he is in the process of winding down his law practice and looking toward the end of June as his time to be sworn in as an associate judge.

He described his selection after an initial ballot and three run-off ballots as a "roller coaster ride full of ups and downs."

"I'm glad it's finally over; in fact I'm thrilled it's finally over," he said.

Hennessey stayed clear of the political controversy surrounding the selection process and said "no" when asked Tuesday if he had any comment now that it's over.

Associate judges are selected in a secret

ballot by the nine circuit judges. In January, filing for two vacant associate judgeships began and, by the end of the 30-day filing period, a record 25 area lawyers had applied.

J. Lawrence Keshner of Godfrey was selected on the initial ballot, but a run-off had to be held between Hennessey, Charles Douglas of Granite City and Glenn R. Bradford of Glen Carbon.

That run-off eliminated Bradford, and before scheduling a run-off between Hennessey and Douglas, Chief

Judge P.J. O'Neill had the Illinois State Bar Association conduct an unprecedented pre-selection poll.

The poll narrowly recommended Hennessey



Hennessey

and did not mention Douglas, which Douglas took to mean he was not being recommended, though the pollsters refused to say.

Douglas termed the poll "bunk" and said the number of lawyers who felt qualified to express an opinion about him in the poll was many times the number of lawyers he had ever worked with or against.

Former Madison County State's Attorney Dick Allen, who shared an office, but not practice, with Hennessey, said he agreed with Douglas on that point.

"I doubt I know that many lawyers myself," Allen said.

Both Douglas and Hennessey supporters claimed political pressure was being put on judges in an attempt to influence their vote.

The actual vote count of the final ballot

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Pontoon trustees split over hiring attorney

By Valeria Evenden
Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH — Despite a series of unanswered questions, a new position of village legal counsel has been created by the Board of Trustees.

By a 4-2 vote, trustees last week authorized a resolution requiring the services of a second attorney.

Attorney Andrew J. Miosky was appointed legal counsel and advisor to the board at a fee not to exceed \$60 per hour.

Mayor Glen Wilson and Trustee Louis Whitsell questioned the action. "I don't think

our ordinance calls for two attorneys," the mayor said.

Retention of Keith Jensen as village attorney was announced by Wilson at the May 9 meeting. His reappointment was approved in action by the entire board late in last Tuesday's session. Jensen has held the post since 1984.

"Why spend the money for another attorney and where are you going to get that money. We already have about \$10,000 deficit in the budget we just passed?" Whitsell asked. "We've got an estimated income of \$737,900 and expenditures of \$746,906."

"And, we also have \$168,700 cash on

hand," replied Trustee Robert Douglas. Douglas had introduced the resolution to hire a second attorney with Trustee Marvin Ribbing seconding the action.

Voting for the resolution with Douglas and Ribbing were Trustees Loren Madison and Irene Karlechick.

Douglas indicated that he and other board members lacked confidence in Jensen, but gave few specifics.

"Would you like me to ask for a vote of confidence on him?" Douglas asked when questioned about the resolution.

Jensen did offer a possible theory behind

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Reeds hit daily double — two births same day

By Andy Slering
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Brothers Ed and Mike Reed admit their families are close and do a lot of things together.

But this is ridiculous.

Their wives recently gave birth on the same day at the same hospital, after sharing the same room. The circumstances were made stranger by the fact that the women were under the care of different obstetricians.

Somebody call Mr. Ripley.

Dawn Reed, Ed's wife, gave birth to little Zachary at 1:37 a.m. May 11 Anderson Hospital in Maryville. Michelle Reed, Mike's wife, gave birth to Eric eight hours and 21 minutes later, at 9:58 a.m.

The odds against the, uh, "daily double" were against them from the start. "It was three days late," said Dawn, 26. "I was 12 days early," chimed in Michelle, 27.

That is probably what account-

ed for the difference in birth weights. Zachary was 8 pounds, 3 ounces; Eric was 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

"But we kept saying that we would go together," Michelle said.

"Grandma Reed kept saying they would have them together."

Ed said.

Both families already had one child each. Ed and Dawn have Aaron, 14 months. Mike and Michelle have Christopher, 3½.

The new fathers have an older brother, and he is childless.

There are no sisters. So, let's see, that's three boys and four grandchildren, all boys.

"Our mom's giving up hope about having a granddaughter," Ed said. "The brothers' mother is Mrs. Gerald (Charline) Reed of Granite City."

The maternal grandparents are Len and Ola Austin of Edwardsville and Judy Markowski of Cahokia and James Lappin of Philadelphia.

A spokesman for Anderson



(Staff photo by Andy Slering)

THE REED BROTHERS, Mike at left and Ed at right, flank their wives, Michelle and Dawn, who hold their baby boys born on the same day, Eric and Zachary. The brothers hold their other sons, Mike and Michelle's Christopher, and Ed and Dawn's Aaron.

Hospital said it's the first time sisters-in-law have ever given birth on the same day there.

The parallels between the two families don't stop there: Ed and Mike both have disabling

back problems. Ed, 30, suffered a fall while working as a construction laborer. Mike, 27, has rheumatoid arthritis of the spine.

Their back problems interfere with their parenting: it's painful to get down and roughhouse with their older boys.

"It's hard," said Ed. "It really tears you down."

"But you gotta do it," added Mike.

Christopher and Aaron gathered around Dawn, sitting in a rocking chair holding baby Zachary. "Pretty baby, pretty baby," they crooned.

Until recently Dawn taught communications at several area colleges, and Michelle was a buyer for K-mart. Mike recently became a registered representative for NIS Financial Services.

When their babies get older, Michelle will return to work, as will Dawn. Ed and Mike will get to babysit.

Mike works out of his house.

"It will be more babysitting than work, probably," he said.

Any more little Reeds in the planning stages? Mike and Michelle were undecided. Ed and Dawn weren't.

"I don't think so," Ed said. "Two is already more than I can handle."

The Reeds all sat for a group photo. Ed was the last to sit, and he eyed the others there on the couch.

"Geeeminey, I didn't realize there were that many of us!" he exclaimed.

Christopher and Aaron drifted off into a bedroom. Ed got up to check on them.

"Hey," he said, "your Uncle Ed saw you do that!"

What happened, Mike asked? "Chris punched Aaron," Ed said.

"Good luck," a reporter said as he left.

"Luck or Valium, one or the other," Ed said.



Thursday, May 26, 1964

Venice police arrested a train engineer for allegedly blocking the Broadway crossing from 10:15 to 10:39 a.m. Police said traffic was backed up across the McKinley Bridge.

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American Legion salutes vets

Venice-Madison Post 307 of the American Legion will hold memorial services at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 29. Guest speaker is Jack Wuebbles of Carlyle, Fifth Division commander. The public is invited and lunch will follow.

Two honored by law commission

The Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission Board of Directors provided an Award of Merit to Madison County Sheriff's Department Deputy William R. Brave on the evening of May 17, at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights.

Deputy Brave, in January 1985, and again on Sept. 22, 1988, saved the lives of an elderly woman who was choking and a 5-year-old boy who had fallen from a treehouse and had stopped breathing. His actions, as documented by the Madison County Sheriff's Department, were timely, competent and humane.

Sheriff Bob Churchich, Sheriff of Madison County and a mem-

ber of the SILEC Board stated that, "I am very proud to have this deputy as a member of my Department, and to be here tonight for this occasion. There are no losers at an event like this."

SILEC also presented an Award of Service to Matt Melucci, former operating manager of SILEC and former executive director of East-West Gateway. Melucci is now administrative assistant to U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello, D-21st District.

Melucci served as the operating manager from January, 1984 to September, 1988, and it was the unanimous opinion of the SILEC Board that he did so with distinction and competence.



IN PHOTO LEFT: Sheriff Bob Churchich of Madison County looks on as Frank Thompson (second from right) first vice president of the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission Board of Directors, presents an Award of Merit to Deputy William R. Brave of the Madison County Sheriff's Department. His wife, Annice Brave, and J.W.



"Skip" Bennett, operating manager of SILEC (far right) look on. Thompson (standing on the left in photo on right) also presented an Award of Service to Matt Melucci, presently the administrative assistant to U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello and the former operating manager for SILEC. Seated lower right is J.W. "Skip" Bennett.

Not-so-fleet-footed men charged in jewel theft

GRANITE CITY — Two Venice men allegedly responsible for a "smash and grab" theft at Hudson Jewelers Ltd., 3244 Nameoki Road, appeared Tuesday in the Granite City court on felony charges of theft.

Orlando Woolfolk Sr., 26, of the 700 block of Bissell Street,

Venice, and Bryant Alonzo Wright, 28, of the Lee Wright Homes, Venice, were charged in felony warrants issued late Monday through the Madison County State's Attorney's office.

Bond was set at \$20,000 for each man and both Woolfolk and Wright were transferred to the

Madison County Jail in Edwardsville at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

All the gold jewelry items allegedly taken were recovered, Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph said. The loot included two gold chains with a value of \$1,118.

The suspects entered the jewelry store approximately 7:30

p.m. last Friday and apparently were looking at several pieces of jewelry being displayed by a clerk when they allegedly grabbed several of the items and fled, Selph said. There was no "smashing" of a display case, but Selph still referred to the event as a "smash and grab."

The men were apprehended a short time later following an extensive foot chase through the Glenview subdivision, Selph said. Wright was captured in the 2100 block of Elm Avenue and Woolfolk in the 2100 block of Terminal Avenue.

"It was good work by the offi-

cers," the assistant chief said. Patrolmen Tom Paul and Dennis Shemwell led the chase, assisted by other department personnel.

Police questioned two other men in a vehicle seen in the vicinity of the store at the time, but released them without filing charges, authorities said.

Vandalism reported at Lake School

Two young boys may have been responsible for damaging about 25 windows at Lake School, 3201 E. 23rd Street, it was reported at 6:10 p.m. May 24.

Officers went to the school in response to a report of kids throwing rocks at the building and saw two boys, about 10 years old, start running through a wheat field toward the Anchorage Homes complex.

The boys were accompanied by a large dog which was running with them, a report said. The officers walked through the field in search of the boys but were unable to locate the youthful suspects.

Answering machine gone
John Moran of the 100 block of Wilson Park Drive reported a burglary May 24 at a residence in the 2400 block of Cleveland Boulevard, where the rear door was forced and the door frame splintered. Missing from the house was a telephone answering machine valued at \$150.

1974 Chevrolet stolen
A 1974 Chevrolet four-wheel drive vehicle owned by Julian B. Wallace of the 2100 block of Delmar Avenue was stolen while

Granite City

parked in the 1400 block of 20th Street, he reported May 24. The dark blue over light blue vehicle was parked at that location about 90 minutes, he said.

Wallet missing
David Johnson of the 2200 block of East 24th Street reported May 24 that his wallet, containing \$42, a fishing license and Firearm Owner's Identification card, was lost or stolen while he was at Wilson Park.

Stolen from garage
A girl's purple-colored Schwinn bicycle valued at \$150 was stolen from the garage at the home of Frank Halvachs in the 2600 block of Cleveland Boulevard, he reported May 24.

Color television gone
In a burglary at the home of Gloria K. Jones in the 2300 block of East 23rd Street, a 19-inch color television was taken, she reported May 23. Property at the home was being inventoried to determine what other items were missing, a report said.

Transferred to county

John Martin, 21, of the 1700 block of Maple Street was arrested at the Granite City court May 23 on an active Granite City warrant alleging battery and a warrant issued through the Clinton County Sheriff's Office charged violation of probation.

Martin was transferred the same date to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

Booked on three charges
A man found inside a residence allegedly without permission was removed by police from the dwelling at 1:35 a.m. May 17.

Gregory J. Turnbough, 37, of Granite City was charged with criminal damage to property, criminal trespass to property and not having a firearm owner identification card.

Karen S. Browning, 34, of the 1800 block of State Street told police that Turnbough was inside the apartment without permission and had threatened to shoot anyone coming inside to get him.

A report said the same man had been told twice not to go to the residence, by officers on an earlier shift.

Turnbough allegedly kicked the door to get into the apartment,

damaging the door. When officers entered, the suspect was found asleep with a shotgun on the floor next to him.

After an appearance at the Granite City court the same day, Turnbough was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond, pending a hearing.

1975 Chevrolet stolen
James A. Wooloughy of the 4000 block of Braden Avenue reported May 16 that his 1975 Chevrolet Vega auto had been stolen from outside the dwelling.

Troy man booked here
Gary Lynn Edrington, 32, of Troy was arrested there May 16 on a Granite City warrant alleging violation of an order of protection. He appeared at the Granite City court and was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond, pending a hearing.

Stereo gone from truck
An AM/FM stereo valued at \$200 was stolen from the pickup truck of Bruce Hutson of the 2400 block of Cleveland Boulevard while the vehicle was parked in the rear lot at Granite City High School, he reported May 16.

Three charges filed
Robert J. Dagon, 45, of 4039 Kathy Drive, Ponton Beach, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while his license was revoked and improper lane usage when arrested at 8:50 p.m. May 23.

A Granite City officer on patrol reported seeing Dagon's auto allegedly going from side-to-side in an erratic manner in the 2100 block of 20th Street with the driver riding the brakes and going over the curb while making a turn.

Dagon's car was stopped at 14th Street and Edwardsville Road. He posted \$302 bail and was released, pending a court appearance.

Committee votes to restrict bills on guns

By Dennis McMurray
Staff writer

SPRINGFIELD — A House committee recently voted to block further action this spring on any bills to restrict or increase controls on gun ownership.

Although the House Judiciary II committee shelved all gun control legislation introduced this spring, bills in the Senate to ban possession of semi-automatic weapons and more closely monitor handgun ownership have cleared committee.

House Judiciary II chairman Rep. Tom Homer, D-Canton, said he does not believe gun control reduces violent crime. He argued that even though the city of Chicago has banned handguns since 1969, it has 69 percent of the state's murders and only about a third of its population.

The House bills that were blocked were strongly opposed by the Illinois chapter of the influential National Rifle Association.

Homer's committee also rejected bills endorsed by the NRA to impose new mandatory prison sentences for using a gun while committing a crime or for stealing a firearm.

A Department of Corrections spokesman told the committee that one of the NRA-backed bills could result in 1,000 more inmates being added to the state's overcrowded prison system over a 10-year period at a cost of more than \$100 million.

Homer said the committee has been attempting to heed the suggestion of state prison director Michael Lane that it refrain from passing legislation increasing prison sentences because of prison crowding.

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Local pickup truck runs into a brick wall

A pickup truck struck both a retaining wall and a parked car at a Madison residence, but the driver apparently was uninjured at 10 p.m. May 20.

The accident resulted in charges filed against Thomas Leon Lemaster, 49, of the 2200 block of Illinois Avenue, who was booked by Madison police for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while his license was suspended and disobeying at stop sign.

Lemaster reportedly was driving the El Camino pickup east on 10th Street and failed to stop at a stop sign at Alton Avenue. The vehicle continued through the intersection hitting and knock-

DUIs

ing down a brick wall on the north side of a residence in the 900 block of Alton Avenue and caused damage to a 1981 Oldsmobile Cutlass belonging to Rocky A. Stone, which was parked at the address.

Lemaster declined a breath test, police said. He posted \$302 bail and was released pending a July 13 appearance at the Edwardsville courthouse.

Arrested on Illinois 203

An officer running a radar check on southbound traffic on Illinois 203 at Fifth Street in Madison

alleged clocking a speeding vehicle, which allegedly also crossed the highway's center line, at 8:50 p.m. May 22.

The vehicle operated by Richard Dennis Greene, 32, of the 2300 block of West 24th Street was stopped at Bend Road and 203 and the driver was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding.

Greene consented to take a breathalyzer test, which was administered at the Granite City Police Department. He posted \$102 bail and was released pending a July 13 hearing at the Edwardsville court.

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BACK ROW: Left to right, Sharon Knecht, Denise Tiltz, Debbie Jordan. FRONT ROW: Left to right, Dottie Smith, Jennifer Crews.

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Nestle tackles railroad block

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The Nestle plant recently joined the ranks of Granite City's railroads with blocked railroad crossings.

When a train blocks the 20th Street railroad crossing, the line of waiting cars blocks Nestle's truck and service entrance. Nestle said this happens so often, and for such long periods, that it sometimes brings business to a complete halt.

Nestle officials requested the City Council pass an ordinance prohibiting waiting vehicles from blocking the plant's 20th Street entrance.

The ordinance was not passed Tuesday because it was deemed unenforceable as written, but the aldermen agreed blocked crossings are a problem.

It is illegal to block a public crossing for more than 10 minutes and the city does prosecute complaints, according to City Attorney Mark Goldenberg. The trouble, he said, is railroad companies consider the fine a normal business expense.

"They figure it's cheaper to pay the fine when caught than break down the train or whatever," Goldenberg said. "And they're not caught that often."

Police Chief Don Knight said citizens need to get a positive ID of the train by copying down the number of the engine or caboose. Then, he said, they need to call the police department, giving the place and length of time, so a complaint can be filed.

The city attorneys will prosecute the complaint, Goldenberg said, but the person making the complaint must show up in court if the railroad decides to fight it. Fourth Ward Alderman Dan Partney wants the city to go even further.

"I know there have been times

in the past that when a crossing was blocked we arrested the yard boss and put him in the hoosegow until the railroad came and bailed him out," he said. "It's my understanding that, without the yardmaster, all business is stopped."

Goldenberg said he had looked into this in the past and thinks there are "real problems" with Partney's solution.

But Goldenberg said he is awaiting the outcome of a case now in the Illinois courts and there may be a solution in sight.

The case involves the Village of Dolton, a home rule municipality in the Chicago area. The city had an ordinance prohibiting blocking crossings for more than 10 minutes with a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$500.

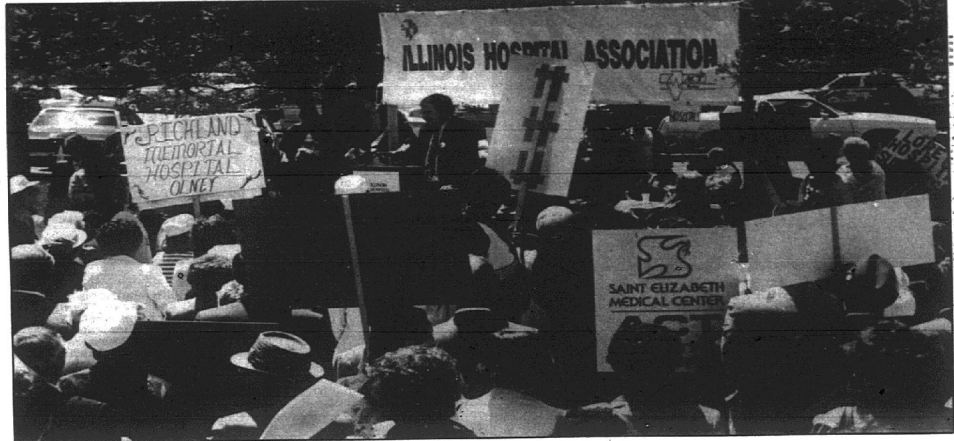
Dolton, faced with the railroad's attitude of the fines being a normal business expense, raised its fines to not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 for the first offense, not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 for the second offense and not less than \$500 or more than \$2,000 for third and subsequent offenses.

The city filed a complaint under the new fines and the railroad companies filed a motion to dismiss because the railroad claim, the restriction is beyond the power of the municipality.

If Dolton's fines are upheld, Goldenberg said, he will immediately have a similar ordinance ready for passage by the aldermen.

"To the railroads, the fines now are just a cost of doing business," Goldenberg said. "If we make the penalty significant enough, and file complaints, we can stop the problem."

"What we need is an ordinance to change their business plans."



TED EILERMAN, President of St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Chairman of the Illinois Hospital Association, speaks to the more than 2,000 people gathered on the lawn

in front of the state capitol building for a rally in support of what he called the single most critical health care issue facing the state — Medicaid funding.

Medicaid SEMC associates attend rally

Approximately 40 associates from St. Elizabeth Medical Center were among thousands of concerned citizens who rallied in Springfield, Ill., on May 11, seeking legislative action on the health care issue they consider the single most critical — Medicaid funding.

"I think the turnout at the state capitol was outstanding," said Ted Eilerman, SEMC president and chairman of the Illinois Hospital Association.

"We had more than 2,000 people representing different areas from all across the state. I hope it leaves an impression on our legislative leaders. I hope they take the Medicaid funding issue seriously. It is a serious issue. In the last five years, 16 Illinois hospitals have closed — mostly because they fell victim to Medicare and Medicaid underfunding."

The Illinois Hospital Association has initiated the Accessible Care Today campaign to seek support from members of the General Assembly. Currently, Illinois Hospitals receive 62 cents on the dollar for Medicaid.

Crowd members standing on the lawn of the State Capitol expressed concerns about the future of their local hospitals by future care whether the people can



THOUSANDS of concerned citizens rallied seeking legislative action.

carrying signs: "Hospitals are vital signs too," and "Get Hospitals off the Critical List."

Chicago Sen. Howard W. Carroll acknowledged the problem by announcing, "When your doors are open, you have to provide care whether the people can

pay or not. This crisis is unnecessary for human needs. There's a half billion more in the bank today than a year ago. The state money is there for the hospitals. I urge you to ask our colleagues, and move forward to meet people's needs. That is why you pay taxes."

An estimated 1.8 million Illinoisans have no health insurance, and many who do work cannot pay for health care.

Sister Mary Thomas, SEMC chairman of the board, believes legislators should realize the financial problems health-care facilities are facing.

"We are ready to help the poor, but what we are receiving is not adequate to cover the costs we incur," Thomas said.

The mission of St. Elizabeth Medical Center is to provide quality care to all regardless of race, creed or ability to pay.

"What is more basic than one's health? If you don't have healthy citizens, all other things become incidental. There is a statewide accessibility problem and underfunding for hospitals. I hope our leaders in the Senate and House take it serious. It's more serious than education, highways, and prisons because it's a basic need. That's the issue," Eilerman said.



DAN AND Rhonda McDowell of Granite City show their support for changes in Medicaid.

Village expectations high, budget shows

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH — A total appropriation of \$746,950 for 1989-1990 was adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting Tuesday night, reflecting more than a 21 percent jump in revenue from the previous year.

Revenue in the coming 12 months is estimated at \$727,900, an increase of \$129,580 over last year, primarily due to anticipated building permits, business licenses, sales tax, fines and village taxes.

The 1989-90 appropriations total \$27,040 less than last year, but show a \$11,050 deficit between proposed expenditures and estimated revenue.

Helping to finance village operations this year will be a \$168,700 cash balance of May 1, compared to \$60,000 cash on hand on May 1, 1988.

The previous budget included \$9,000 for land purchase, not included this year, and \$90,000 for contractual services, most of which were distributed in the new administration budget.

Missing in the 1989-90 budget are \$18,000 for contractual legal services and \$5,000 for a census, plus a \$6,000 reduction in engineering services.

Individual funds are somewhat difficult to compare as the clerk's office budget is now included in the total administration budget.

In one instance, the deputy clerk's salary, which remains the same as last year, appears much larger.

The addition of the village share to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, social security, workman's compensation and insurance are now included in the total salary figure, Village Clerk Mary Warren explained.

Also increased in the new appropriation ordinance is the amount budgeted for the village building and health inspectors who are listed together.

An ordinance approved late last year changed the compensation schedule for the building inspector to half the amount charged for each building permit. The health inspector receives a monthly expense fee of \$450, Warren said.

Other items removed from contractual services and placed under other categories in the 1989-90 budget are building principal and interest, building liability, street lighting and ambulance service.

Ambulance fees are budgeted \$10,000 higher in the new ordinance compared to last year, Warren said.

"We have a contract for ambulance service and must meet the unpaid bills when residents do not pay their ambulance fees."

"We paid \$9,000 last year for uncollected ambulance fees," the village clerk said.

An increase in village taxes is based on the expected rise in the assessed valuation of property.

A considerable drop in revenue derived from utility taxes, \$75,000 less than last year, results from the recent utility tax reduction which lowered the amount from 5 percent to 3 percent, she said.

Estimated revenue listed in the new budget with last year's figures in parentheses, are:

Building permit, \$19,000 (\$5,500) up \$13,500; business license, \$12,000 (\$3,000) up \$9,000; police reports, \$800 (same); liquor licenses, \$7,200 (same); all fines, \$67,000 (\$35,000) up \$32,000; sales tax, \$350,000 (\$195,000) up \$155,000; income tax, \$95,000 (\$72,000) up \$23,000.

Utility tax, \$30,000 (\$105,000) down \$75,000; zoning, \$300 (same); half of road and bridge, \$10,000 (\$8,000) up \$2,000; village tax, \$100,000 (\$45,000) up \$55,000; Comcast Cable TV franchise, \$4,800 (\$4,500) up \$300; Illinois Bell franchise, \$4,800 (\$3,500) up \$1,300; interest, \$2,000 (\$1,500) up \$500; and other, \$15,000 (\$14,500) up \$500.

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PARTICIPATING IN A note-burning ceremony at St. John United Church of Christ are, from left: Judy Stille and Richard Oliver, past presidents of the Church Council; Charles Hasso, Operation Facelift chairman; and Marge Dettmer, Church Council president. The project modernized areas of the church.

St. John United burns debt note

In a note burning ceremony, the congregation of St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, celebrated the early retirement of debt incurred in refurbishing its sanctuary.

Begun in January 1987 as a part of "Operation Facelift," the entire interior of the sanctuary was improved.

New carpeting, a new sound system, a new lighting system, refinishing of the pews and other woodwork, and repairs to interior walls were included.

A promissory note was to

mature on May 4, 1991. However, due to gifts of individuals and organizations and an unrestricted bequest, final payment was made early.

"Once again, a challenge came before us, and we have risen faithfully to meet the challenge," a spokesman said.

"The congregation now looks forward to the final phase of Operation Facelift, which will be major improvements to the parking area," he said.

St. John Church was organized in 1862 and in 1987 celebrated its 125th anniversary.

Central Christian to raise the roof following drive

Members of Central Christian Church in Granite City have exceeded a goal of \$75,000 by almost 47 percent and will quickly get to work on alterations and improvements to their structure at 2020 Johnson Road.

Lois Ann Bilbrey, chairman of the capital fund drive, recently announced the success of the campaign to the congregation.

Visitors will begin to see many inside improvements about June 1, but everyone driving past the church this summer will notice drastic changes as the flat roof on the educational building is replaced with a gable roof. Bilbrey said this will greatly alter the church's outward appearance. Plans call for the roof alterations to be completed early in September and the congregation will celebrate with a "roof-raising" celebration.

Builders Design Inc., an architectural firm from Edwardsville, has prepared plans for the new roof which will complement the existing structures. Church members Ed Lorton and Murel Spengler are co-chairmen of the improvement committee while Dave Parrish is the resident engineer.

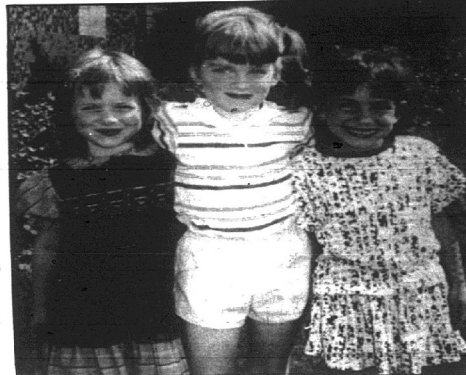
Workers on the fund drive included general chairman Bill Brey, drive secretary Betty Townsley, board chairman, Patrick Collins, minister, Dr. Manuel Tamayo, church secretary, Janet Davis, advance pledge chairmen, Dick Yates and Lorton; follow-through chairman, Spengler; publicity

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chairman, Barbara Williams; spiritual life chairmen, Helen Stumpe and Jean Tamayo; meals chairmen, Linda Irwin and Mildred Collins; and guest director, Arthur Detamore from Board of Church Extension.

Team solicitation members were Pat and Chris Collins, Chuck and Helena Combs, Mark and Andrea Scott, Marly and Laura Aerne, Flora Mae Lening, Nancy Markey, Lynda Leggett, Connie Zimmer, Mary Lee Lorton, Madge Hanson, Karen Cooper, Nancy Connolly, Stan Edwards, Mike and Margie Graves, and Warren and Mildred Collins.

The meals chairmen were aided by Ruth Lelik; publicity helpers were Myra Parrish, Doris Edwards, and Lena Seitzer. Additional advance pledge workers were Joyce Bennington, Charles Yonovic, Jim Turner, John Gordon, and Dave and Myra Parrish. Aiding Spengler in the follow-through work are Joe Hanson, Don and Dorothea Rivenburgh, Marty Aerne, Margaret Turner, Glenn Rivenburgh, Pat Collins and Dr. Tamayo.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION was given to, from left, Diane Lickenbrock, Laura Blankenship and Kristina Grobowski who had perfect attendance for the year.

Daisy troop receives honors

Several proud mothers looked on as their daughters received recognition at the 16th Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet held at St. Elizabeth's School.

Among those honored were members of Daisy Troop 316 who received patches and their first-year star. They included:

Sarah Jackstadt, Laura Blankenship, Diane Lickenbrock, Lauren Puscek, Jolene Harris, Katie Schutzenhofer, Erin Langenstein, Afton Denkler, Lisa Morrison, Anna Hansen, Kristina Grobowski and Megan Ryan.

brock and Jane Jackstadt were also honored.

Special recognition was given to Diane Lickenbrock, Laura Blankenship and Kristina Grobowski for their perfect attendance all year.

The Daisy Scouts "bridged" into Brownies. Brownie meetings will begin this fall.

Certificates of appreciation were given to the following mothers for help given to the troop throughout the year: Jane Jackstadt, Donna Langenstein, Karen Puscek and Marcia Blankenship.

DUV attends ceremony marking death of Lincoln

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 Inc. Tent #2 on April 27 heard a report by Shirley Stallings on the 33rd annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 124th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

Held in Springfield, Ill., on April 15, the service was conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The guest speaker was Cyril Gumbinger of San Jose, Calif.

Wreaths were placed at the tomb by national and department tents.

Attending the service from Granite City with Stallings were Mary Stonum, Louise Thompson, Joyce Moran, Enid Bolin and Peggy Gibbons. These daughters also visited the National Headquarters and Museum while in Springfield.

Ima Taylor has been appointed National Special Aid and Joyce Moran has been appointed National Aid at the luncheon meeting. The business segment was conducted by President Florence Hildebrand. The opening prayer was given by Arline Fox. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stonum.

Reading of the records was by Secretary Taylor, and Thompson gave the treasurer's report.

A get-well card was sent to Vivian Rowden.

After the meeting, games were played under the direction of Stallings, and a special prize was awarded to Bessie Seibold.

Alma Beckman was hostess for May.

Rebekahs honor district officers

Juanita Rebekah Lodge 477, with Noble Grand Mary Roulund presiding, reported that several members attended District 26 Officers' Night and a reception for Gladys Martin, treasurer of District 26, at pride of St. Clair Rebekah Lodge 145 at Lebanon.

They also went to Carlin Lodge 348 at Alton for a district officers visit.

The visiting committee reported that Mildred Robertson was at home recuperating from surgery. Cards were sent to shut-ins.

Emma Schoen gave a reading "Mother's Day Observance." Nancy Hollows gave the delegate report on the District 26 Rebekah Association held in Collinsville on April 28.

Roulund presented pink carnations to Edna McKay, the mother who had the oldest child and to Cleo Siebert, the mother with the youngest child.

The lodge initiated four new members: Cleo Siebert, Norma Chesterman, Kay Green and Eleanor Cook.

Refreshments were served to the members by Dorothy Bertram and Roulund. The tables were decorated with small bouquets from Roulund's yard.



THE GROUP VISITING the DUV National Headquarters and Museum in Springfield included, from left: Peggy Gibbons, Enid Bolin, Louise Thompson, Joyce Moran, Shirley Stallings and Mary Stonum.

Drawings were made for door prizes. Winners were: Nancy Hollows, Dorothy Bertram and Eula Myers.

There were 16 members present.

Baseball fantasy topic of Laureate

The Laureate Alpha Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi discussed baseball May 10 in the home of Martha Dyer in Woodview.

Delores Dorich's program was "Baseball, Our National Pastime."

She gave the history of baseball and then told of a unique baseball camp held every year in Orlando, Fla., by the New York Yankees.

The baseball "Fantasy Week" is a camp for mostly 40-plus men who would like to go through the experience of training and playing for big-league baseball. Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford lead a contingent of

former New York Yankees who fulfill these men's dreams.

Juanita Calve announced new committee appointments for the upcoming year. The group also made plans for its Mother's Day tea held in Elva.

The next meeting will be in the home of Imogene Forrest. Members will reveal "Beta Buddies."

Also present at the meeting were Alice Konieczny, Pat Tsigolarriff, Imogene Forrest and Arlene Haldeeman.

Granite Citizens attend supper

Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met for a salad supper on May 11 at the First

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SIUE announces deferment schedule

The Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has announced the fee deferment schedule for summer quarter.

Office hours for deferments will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the weeks of June 5-9, June 12-16 and June 26-30.

During the first week of classes, June 19-23, the office will be open from 8:30 until 7 p.m., with the exception of Friday, June 23, when the office will close at 4 p.m.

For the convenience of students enrolled in Weekend University classes, the Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance will be open Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Deferments are due July 26.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the SIUE Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance at 692-3880.



(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

DARE GRADUATION: After 13 weeks in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, sixth-grade student Dena Zotti receives her diploma from patrolman Walter Milton Jr., the Granite City DARE officer. Thirty-eight students at St. Elizabeth School graduated from the course on Tuesday morning. Sixth-grade students in four public and both parochial schools in Granite City completed the drug education program this semester.

GC student will tour Europe with choir

Adam Schneider of Granite City, a member of the Culver-Stockton college Concert Choir, will travel through Europe this spring during the choir's first international tour.

Schneider, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schneider, graduated from the college in Canton, Mo., in May with a bachelor's degree in theater arts. He was chosen by audition to be a member of

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Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, buttered vegetable, fruit cup
Friday - Fish plate, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fruit cup
Venice Public Schools
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Tuesday - Sandwiches, buttered vegetable, fruit cup
Wednesday - Vacation begins
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Tuesday - Cheeseburgers.

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Senior Citizens
Monday - No lunch-Memorial Day
Tuesday - Ham patties, sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple
Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, chef salad, french bread, baked apple
Thursday - Chicken salad, cottage cheese with pineapple, lettuce wedge, pear slices
Friday - Fried fish, baked potato, cole slaw, cookies
Head Start
Monday - No lunch-Memorial Day
Tuesday - Spaghetti in meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, mixed vegetables, garlic toast
Thursday - Vacation begins

Education theme park to highlight VP Fair

"Education is America's future" will be the theme of an educational theme park that will highlight the ninth annual VP Fair, July 1 through 4 on the St. Louis riverfront.

One of the main attractions of the park will be a 10-foot-tall globe being created by students at Soudan High School. Throughout the event, fairgoers will be invited to write in the names of the places they can identify until the entire globe is complete. The globe will have the outline of every country, state, major river, mountain, island and the like in the world.

The park, titled "Education: Proud Past, Promising Future," will incorporate several family fun stations designed for people of all ages, from toddlers to seniors.

Each station will offer fairgoers the opportunity to participate in hands-on exhibits, and enjoy demonstrations and entertainment, all free of charge.

Strolling musicians, storytellers and puppeteers will be located throughout the park for continuous, spontaneous entertainment.

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Eight get food certification

Tom Holloway, District 9 director of vocational/career education, has announced that all students in the vocational food service class at Granite City High School passed the State Food Service examination.

Students successfully completing the training are: Susan Chastain, Lea Ann Cook, Jennifer Jerrell, Jodi Niesporek, Shelly Shafer, Rose Steck, Timothy Smith and Cynthia Stevenson.

Prior to taking the test, students were instructed in: proper

sanitation methods to prevent food-borne illnesses; cleaning and sanitation procedures; and characteristics of micro-organisms which cause food-borne illnesses.

This instruction is part of the course work in the vocation food service program taught by Mildred Collins of the home economics department.

Students are entitled to receive certification in food service sanitation from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

SIUE to offer cycle course

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Receives \$1,000 scholarship

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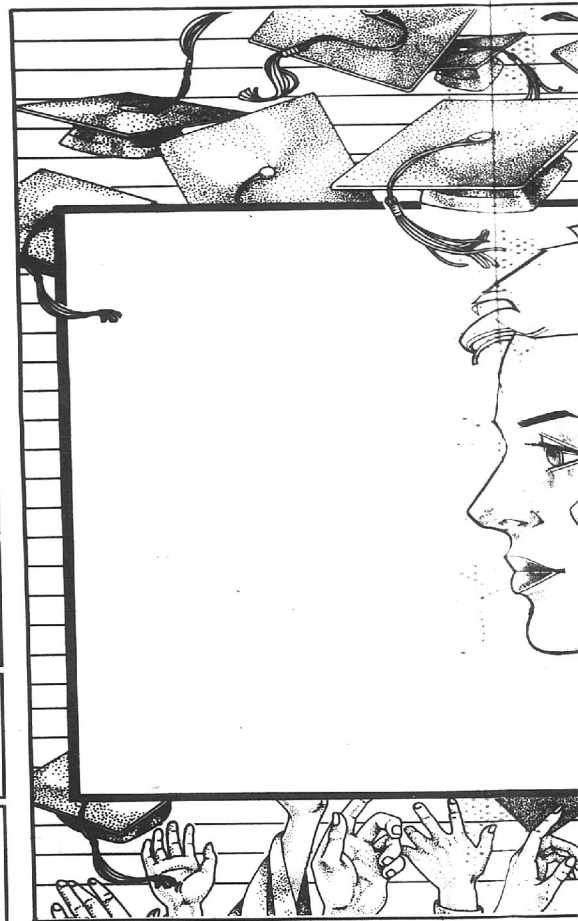
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•Appeals

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The overall multiplier for Madison County is 1.0000 — same as last year. The total 1988 assessed valuation for the county (tax bills are issued for the previous year) is almost \$1.55 billion (\$1,548,909,347). That is an increase of \$71,974,382.

Assessments in Madison County are 33.28 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the multiplier is

1.0000. If the average level of assessment is larger or smaller than one-third of market value, the multiplier is smaller or larger, respectively, than 1.0000.

Property tax bills are expected to go out June 26, said County Clerk Evelyn Bowles.

A change in the multiplier does not affect the multiplier for total township tax burden. If the local taxing bodies is greater than the amount received the previous year, then total property taxes can increase even if assessments

decrease.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will be liable for. That individual's portion of a township's total tax burden is not changed by the multiplier.

Bowles gave some hypothetical examples of tax burdens in the respective townships, which can vary slightly depending on which school district a property owner is in.

A house assessed at \$10,000 in Venice Township would be taxed

\$982. In Granite City Township, a house valued at \$10,000 would be taxed \$760.

But the Venice house, if moved to Granite City, would have a higher market value (multiplier), and thus would be assessed more in total taxes.

Figuring a new multiplier is a yearly process. It is separate from the reassessment process, which occurs on a staggered basis every four years in the 24 townships.

Chouteau, Nameoki, Venice and Granite City were reassessed last year. The changes

will show up on the tax bills mailed out in about one month.

A property owner can only appeal the multiplier for his 1988 taxes now, said Supervisor of Assessments Harris. The assessment had to be challenged last year.

But, said Harris, if the multiplier brings an individual house over the assessed valuation maximum of one-third of market value, the taxpayer can appeal that. If a hearing is granted, the taxpayer can then bring up the issue of the initial assessed value.

ation, Harris said.

Forms for appeal can be picked up at the local township offices, whose addresses are listed in the telephone book, or at Harris' offices in Edwardsville, 116 Hillsboro Ave., Annex 4.

Appeal forms must be postmarked no later than midnight May 31. They should be mailed to: Property Tax Appeal Board, 404 Stratton Blvd., P.O. Box 4903, Springfield, Ill., 62708.

Appeals will be heard in Edwardsville.

•Pontoon

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The move.

"I'm the one who gave the opinion that he (Douglas) couldn't hold a village (appointed) office and, run as a candidate for the board," the attorney said to the board.

At that time, Douglas was unhappy with the opinion and told people he would remove him as village attorney, Jensen said.

Douglas was the village health inspector until relinquishing the job to run as a zoning candidate.

Donald McNew, Zoning Board administrator, also resigned that

point to seek a trusteeship.

A legal point was brought to trustees' attention by Jensen, who cautioned the board a possible conflict of interest may exist regarding new attorney Mofsky.

"I don't know if you are aware that he has a lawsuit pending against the Village of Pontoon Beach," Jensen said.

The lawsuit filed about two years ago involved a traffic accident in the village, Jensen said later.

"We're asking us to spend money to get you people a lawyer," Wilson asked, obviously upset by the proposal.

"I don't know why you think we have a problem," Whitesell said to Douglas. "As far as I know, we are getting the right legal advice. What advice do you need?" he asked.

Douglas said he wants more information about the Tax Increment Financing Commission, a body recently established by the board.

The minutes of all TIF Commission meetings are on file in the village clerk's office, Whitesell said. The meetings are posted in the village hall and open to the public.

"What's the attorney got to do

with this? If you're not getting the minutes that's my fault," said Whitesell, who serves as TIF Commission chairman.

"I feel he (Jensen) doesn't represent all the board. He doesn't represent me," Douglas replied, mentioning some annexation records he was unable to obtain.

Jensen pointed out that Douglas had never held a conversation with him, except on one occasion.

Douglas said an independent audit of the TIF District should be made.

At a hearing on the budget, Douglas suggested \$500 be added to the audit fund to audit the TIF District, plus \$5,000 for judicial review of the district.

Village Treasurer Ray Gaudette recommended at the hearing that any money used to audit the district should come from TIF funds and not from village accounts.

At Tuesday's meeting, Whitesell explained that TIF funds and vouchers are audited along with village funds.

"We (commission) don't have

the TIF money, we just have records," Whitesell said. He gave the name of an individual at the banking institution who handles the money.

The bond counsel also must rule on the authenticity of everything related to the district, Whitesell said. "He must see that everything is duly authorized and signed."

The counsel's responsibility is not just to protect the bondholders but to protect everybody concerned, Whitesell said, responding to another question.

Madison rehires 15 teachers, 26 staff

By Nicole Vaughn

Staff writer

MADISON — Of 29 teachers who received honorable dismissals in March, 15 were rehired during a special meeting of the Madison school board Thursday.

The dismissals were the first cuts made by the district in an effort to save money. The district has suffered a series of financial woes for some time, the latest being added to the Illinois State Board of Education's financial "watch list" in February.

Of 29 other staff members who also received honorable dismissals, all were rehired with the exception of three janitors: Martin Bonk, Ron Jones and Stanley Sak. Superintendent Dan Kostelnick said.

The three will be offered independent contracts to work for two weeks as needed throughout

the coming school year, Kostelnick said.

Kostelnick had described the district in March as "personnel top-heavy" but said that is the way it is supposed to be in education.

Program cuts are expected and should be announced sometime this summer, Kostelnick said.

While Kostelnick and school board members will not yet comment on what those cuts entail, it is rumored that the band program is among those on the chopping block.

Teachers rehired by the district include Tina Buckingham, Mary Beth Orthals, Ronald Crader, Kathleen Guinan, Richard Harmon, Glenda Harris, Mary Jones, Ida Lacy, Steve Larsen, Donald Smith, Susan Borstein, Petrice Burrell, Sheri Cox and Johnna Wells.

Armed man sexually assaults woman, 32

GRANITE CITY — An investigation by detectives into the criminal sexual assault of a 32-year-old woman, who was bound by a assailant, was continuing May 28.

The victim, who resides in the downtown Granite City area, told police at 1:45 a.m. May 25 that she was asleep in bed when awakened by a man she didn't recognize and forced to commit a sex act.

The assailant was armed with a knife and had a green and white sheet wrapped around his head, the victim said. She was able to see his eyes which were blue, she told police.

The man threatened the well-being of one of her children if she failed to comply with his demands, she said.

The assailant held a small folding knife in his hand while

he removed her clothing, the victim said. He bound her hands behind her back and tied her feet together, using sheets or clothing items, before assaulting her, she said.

Marks were visible on the woman's wrists, a report said. When he left the bedroom momentarily, the victim managed to work herself free from her bindings, she told police.

After the man returned with one of her children, a 12-year-old boy, she got up from the bed, grabbed the man by the collar and began forcing him from the house, she told officers.

The assailant warned the victim not to call police and left by the front door.

The woman was taken to the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center where she was examined and released.

•Harris

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properly kept," in regards to Becherer's alleged shortcomings as an administrator.

Board members also said that their decision to reassign Becherer was not based on any character flaws he might have.

"Mr. Becherer is fantastic with the children and does fantastic work with and for them," Bosworth said. "He's just not a fantastic principal running a school."

Kelly Smith, a concerned parent, presented the board with a petition bearing 65 signatures asking that Becherer be retained. Another parent pointed out that several teachers had signed the petition. A cover letter with the petition described Becherer's reassignment as "a terrible injustice... in our own community."

Becherer, principal at the school for the last eight years and a district employee for almost 19 years, was notified of his reassignment in March. Becherer contends that an evaluation of him was conducted without his knowledge. During a pub-

lic hearing held May 17 at his request, Becherer's attorney, Staci Yandle, read a list of administrative "concerns" given to Becherer regarding his performance and prompting his reclassification.

During that public hearing, board members declined to discuss the basis of those allegations which Becherer maintains are unfounded.

But Thursday's meeting had a much more agreeable outcome based in part on the hearing.

"The public outcry and the show of parental support had a heavy bearing on this," Yandle said.

"I am very pleased with the decision," Becherer said as well-wishers slapped him on the back and shook his hand.

So things are almost back to normal for Becherer, at least for now.

"We have no reason to believe that the next evaluation will be anything but objective," Yandle said. "That there was no documentation of Becherer's alleged shortcomings" has been our position the whole time."

Man stable after shooting

VENICE — Billy Edmund, 27, of West Madison Street, Madison, remains in stable condition at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, after being admitted last Sunday with a gunshot wound in the stomach area, SEMC authorities said.

Edmund reported being shot at Garrett's in a lounge in the 300 block of Weaver Street, Venice. He suffered a stomach entry wound in the stomach area, possibly caused by a .25-caliber weapon, a report said.

An investigation into the shooting incident was continuing May 26 and no arrest in the case had

been made.

When interviewed by police at the medical center last Monday, Edmund said a man walked up to him in the bar and shot at him from a distance of only four or five feet.

The assailant did not speak to him, nor did Edmund know why the man fired the gun at him, the victim said.

A bartender at the tavern reported hearing a shot fired, but did not see the actual shooting. He said several people fled from the lounge after the gunfire was heard.

•Judge

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was not released, but it has been widely reported that Hennessey received four votes and the other three went to a write-in candidate.

Write-in candidates are not eligible in a run-off ballot, according to the Illinois Administrative Office of the Courts, so Hennessey was declared the winner.

Hennessey said this was his first time to apply for associate judge and that, although the protracted selection process was trying, he never doubted he wanted to be a judge or ever considered withdrawing from the ballot.

"The practice of law, having practiced it for about 20 years, can be a grind. I think most attorneys will tell you that," Hennessey said.

"You're under constant pres-

sure, not that you aren't under pressure as a judge, but it is a different kind of pressure. Our legal system is an advocacy system, so you are always in disputes with other lawyers. It can wear you down."

"I've handled cases in just about every area of law, except patent law, in my 20-plus years of practice, so I think I will do a good job."

"I'm very appreciative and very thrilled."

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Lindsay
Della M. (Heacock) Lindsay, 59, of Granite City died at 10:08 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 1989, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been ill for several years and was hospitalized since May 15.

Born Oct. 18, 1929, in Sikeston, Mo., Mrs. Lindsay moved to Granite City in 1955 from St. Louis.

Sixth and Lincoln, Venice, the Rev. Paul LaFrance officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorial masses have been suggested.

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Charles Baumberger
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Charles E. Baumberger, 72, of Granite City died at 7:10 p.m. Friday, May 26, 1989 in the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was taken to the hospital upon becoming ill at the family's summer home near Litchfield.

Born in St. Louis, Mr. Baumberger moved to Granite City with his parents as a small child. He and his wife, the former Mary Keeney, were married July 20, 1940, in Alton. Mrs. Baumberger survives.

Mr. Baumberger retired in 1980 from Elk Heating and Air Conditioning in Wood River. A sheet metal worker, he also was employed for many years at local business firms.

He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, St. John Church Brotherhood and Local 268 of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association.

Beside his wife, also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Peggy) Jobe of Florissant, Mo., and Mrs. James (Sally) Carstens of Elmhurst, Ill.; his mother, Mrs. Emma Baumberger of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City; two brothers, Walter and Roy Baumberger, both of Granite City; a sister, Mrs. Doris Van Gunden of Arvada, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland

Symphony benefit slated

By Craig A. Martin

Staff Writer

Organizers are hoping to top last year's figure of \$15,000 raised for the St. Louis Symphony at the 17th annual Gypsy Caravan scheduled to be held at The Arena on Memorial Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual benefit, organized by the Junior Division of the St. Louis Symphony Women's Division, yearly attracts more than 600 vendors and thousands of bargain-hunters.

The event has raised more than \$600,000 in the last seven years.

Vendors hawk everything from jewelry and small collect-

ibles to furniture and antiques will cover the entire Arena floor and spill out well into the parking lot, according to the event's organizers.

"It's amazing the diversity of items you will find on sale at the event," said Nancy Bengtson, publicity chairman for the event.

"Last year there was even a booth selling socks. I guess there's something for everyone."

Admission is \$3, and children under 12 are free. Free parking will be available on the Arena lot. There will also be a variety of food and drink available including several varieties of ethnic food.

2 join Phi Kappa Phi honor society

Based on superior academics, 291 junior, senior and graduate students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have been elected to the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Locally, two students from Granite City were elected. They were: Christopher Ashmore and

Melissa K. Zozyak.

Phi Kappa Phi honors outstanding scholarship in all academic areas. Founded in 1897, the University of Maine, the honor society has chapters in 244 colleges and universities. The U of C chapter was established in 1933.

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INDIANA JONES (Harrison Ford) battles the Nazis in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

Edge-of-the-seat time again: Ford's back as daredevil Indy

The cliff-hanging, nail-biting, blood-curdling action is almost too much to take in at one sitting, but so what.

It's ride-the-roller-coaster time again with Steven Spielberg's "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (**** stars), third outing with Harrison Ford back as globe-trotting archaeologist Indiana Jones. Indy again survives sensational chases, incredible battles—and, this time, Dr. Elsa Schneider, a sensuous Nazi art historian played by Alison Doody.

Spielberg's formula for fun and excitement is pretty much the same, but the director seasons his third (and allegedly last) Indy Jones melodrama with a relationship between the competitive Indy and his scholarly father, Dr. Henry Jones, who is played by Sean Connery. Indy kowtows to his father; he still calls him "Sir."

The chemistry between Ford and Connery works delightfully, infusing the film with warmth and dry humor. The two men thrash out their differences dur-

Reviews

By Frank Hunter

ing a white-knuckle dash in 1938 to retrieve the priceless holy grail as Hitler's thugs are turning the lights out all over Europe.

During Indiana Jones' previous digs through the ruins of civilizations worse than our own, archeologist Indy ran across his share of nauseating beasts, scrambling through a nest of vipers in "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and enduring a banquet of beetles and monkey brains—still in the skill—in "The Temple of Doom."

In "The Last Crusade," rats get the nod; fat, squeaking city and country rodents that may send some audience members squirming and shrieking into the

streets.

Exotic locales, especially Venice, Italy, and the sensational stunt work and other examples of old-fashioned movie-serial derring-do, represent Steven Spielberg in top creative form. The director trots out horses, planes, vintage speedboats, automobiles and enough World War II tanks and trucks to restage "Desert Fox" Gen. Erwin Rommel's fight to conquer North Africa for the fatherland.

Add to that Indy Jones' rogish antics and you have a rollicking adventure that nips along at a bone-jarring clip.

And the cast that supports heroes Ford and Connery is ideal, with strong work from River Phoenix, who plays Indiana Jones at age 18.

As movie sequels go, this is a top-notch job by all hands. Furthermore, it is a movie you can take the kids to see.

Rated PG-13 (language, violence). Running time: 125 minutes. Rating based on four stars.

Weekend TV

By Mark Bretz

continuing until 2:30 p.m. This marks ABC's 25th consecutive year of Indy 500 coverage and the fourth consecutive time the network has carried the race live.

Hot HBO movie Because Memorial Day is traditionally the start of summer time, it's fitting that HBO would premiere a movie titled "Third Degree Burn" at 7 p.m. today. The plot is highly reminiscent of "Body Heat," the sweaty, scandalous movie from 1981 pairing William Hurt and Kathleen Turner.

For much of "Third Degree Burn" there is promise of another excellent murder mystery

mixed with hot, steamy romance.

But despite fine performances by Treat Williams, Virginia Madsen and Richard Masur, the movie simply doesn't develop up to its potential. Still, it's much better than the average television yarn.

Roger Spottiswoode, who directed the excellent 1983 drama "Under Fire," demonstrates a splendid touch at pacing the suspense in the first half of the 96-minute film, getting smooth, restrained performances from his players.

Although it's not in the same league with "Body Heat," there's enough intricacy and cleverness to the "Third Degree Burn" script to keep you entertained throughout.

The movie will be shown again at 11 p.m. Wednesday.

Harrison Ford, Indiana Jones: just couple of ordinary guys

Movie News

By Harry Hamm



"You can't know a person better. Who the hell do they think is up there? Some total stranger? Nonsense, it's me, Surprise!"

The "surprise" continues this week with the release of "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," the third and supposedly last in the "Indiana Jones" series. It began in 1981 with the enormously successful "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and faltered in 1984 with "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom."

"Last Crusade" not only gives us a glimpse of a younger Jones, played by River Phoenix, but introduces us to his father, Dr. Henry Jones. In "Last Crusade" Jones and his father, an eminent medievalist played by Sean Connery, prove to be more than a match for the forces of darkness, as well as a scripting coup that gives subtext to the film.

During a film career that dates back to 1966 with "Dead Heat On a Merry-Go-Round," a forgettable tale about the robbery of a bank at an airport, Ford also has added immeasur-

ably to many films.

A Chicago native, Ford attended Ripon College in Wisconsin and worked in summer theater before heading for Los Angeles to begin his film career.

Following more than a decade of work in television and film, including roles in "American Graffiti" (1973) and "The Conversation" (1974), Ford's big break came in 1977 with the role of Han Solo in "Star Wars," the first segment of George Lucas' "Star Wars" trilogy. Ford's stature has grown with successive films, including "Witness" (1985), "Frantic" (1988) and one of the hottest films of last year, "Working Girl."

It seems certain that "Last Crusade" will continue Ford's string of successes. Early indications are that it will be a critical and financial success. Ford also said he really will be the last Indiana Jones movie, kind of.

But no matter what fate Indiana Jones finally faces, or what roles Ford later takes, Ford said there is one thing he can predict with certainty.

"I'm going to do the things I like. I'm a very ordinary guy. I like to drive my car, I like to go to the store, I like to work outdoors, all that stuff. When people ask me about my favorite activities and list a bunch of (ordinary) things I might be interested in, I always answer the question with 'You're right, all that stuff.'"

Circus will make stop in Granite

The 23rd annual Southern Illinois Shrine Circus, sponsored by Ainslie Shrine Temple in East St. Louis, will begin its journey in Granite City on June 5.

The announcement was made by William "Bill" Piper, 1989 general circus chairman. The 1989 edition will open with a parade in Olney at 2 p.m. Monday, followed by circus performances on May 30 and May 31 at Olney City Park.

After Olney, the circus will move south to DuQuoin, opening with a parade on June 3. Circus performances will be at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds on June 3 and 4. From DuQuoin, the group will go to Granite City for a parade on June 5. Circus performances are scheduled for June 6 through 8 at the Tri-City Speedway on Illinois 248.

The close of the 1989 circus season comes with a giant parade in Belleville on June 9. The final circus performances will be June 10 and 11 at the Belle-Claire Fairgrounds.

The Southern Illinois Shrine Circus is sponsored by the nearly 8,300 nobles of Ainslie Shrine Temple, and is for the benefit of Ainslie Shrine Temple.

Tickets may be purchased from any Shriner or at the gate prior to the performances. They also are available at all Metro East Schnuck Stores, Huck's Convenience Stores, most area banks or any business displaying an "Ainslie Shrine Circus" sign. Tickets are also available at the Ticketmaster locations or by calling Ticketmaster Charge-By-Phone at (314) 652-8000.

Riverboat captains McNary, Schoemehl ready for race

By Joe Hollerman
Staff writer

Blessed with the boat with the best record, St. Louis Mayor Vincent C. Schoemehl Jr. will attempt to wrest sea-going superiority from St. Louis County Executive Gene McNary.

The contest is the eighth annual Memorial Day Riverboat Race, set for 10 a.m. Monday on the St. Louis riverfront.

At a drawing held May 19, Schoemehl pulled the name of the "Becky Thatcher" paddle-wheeler from a captain's hat. The Becky Thatcher has won six of the eight races, the Tom Sawyer won one race, and one was a tie.

Presiding over the draw was John Walsh, director of the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission, the sponsors of the event.

Schoemehl won four of the first five races, with one ending in a tie.

McNary, who will captain the Tom Sawyer, has been victorious in the last two attempts, including one in the Tom Sawyer race last year.

When asked his strategy for defending his title in the slower boat, McNary replied, "Lots and lots of skill."

Schoemehl made no pretensions about his expertise. "You don't need a lot of skill when you have the fast boat," Schoemehl said.

The race will start at the Poplar Bridge, proceed north and turn around the Eads Bridge, and then finish at the starting point.

Appellate Court Judge Carl R. Gaertner will officiate the race from a helicopter.

The race officially kicks off the commissioner's summer visitor season.

Before the race, political and civic leaders will take part in dedicating the riverfront's new Gateway River Cruises docking facility.

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Sr. Mary William retires from medical center here

Sister Mary William Haug, C.D.P., outpatient representative at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, has decided to retire for health reasons, but she isn't going to stop working.

"I'll make myself useful," she said. "I will remain active in some form of apostolic service as long as possible." St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the Sisters of Divine Providence will continue to need Sr. Mary William, a hospital spokesman said.

"God has given me a wonderful vocation," Sister Mary William said. "I never have regretted a moment." She entered the community in 1927, from her original home of Brussels, Ill., and earned both her B.A. and M.A. degrees in education from St. Louis University.

She served 24 years in education as an elementary and high school teacher and principal in Venice, Madison and Brussels, in Wardsville and Bonnetts Mill, Mo., and at Mount Providence School for Boys in Normandy, Mo.

From 1962 to 1966, she served as administrator of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"A lot of things have changed since I was first here. Then, all we had was the West Wing and the original hospital building. We were just in the talking and planning stages for the Binney

Wing," she said. She returned to St. Elizabeth in 1975, serving in Pastoral Care and as an outpatient representative.

"The changes in the past 12 years, especially the most recent changes, the Cardiac Cath Lab and the Dialysis unit, have really been amazing," she said.

"But it is the people who are most amazing. There is a great family spirit here. The associates really live up to the philosophy of the medical center."

Between 1966 and 1975, Sr. Mary William was elected provincial assistant, the provincial and later consultant to the congregation's general superior in Rome.

"It was great living in Rome. From a window you could see the Holy Father while he gave his talks and his Apostolic blessing on Sunday's," Sr. Mary William said. "There is so much to see in that area. We had to do some traveling. We had a car and were privileged to visit many interesting places."

The Sisters of Divine Providence, founded in Mainz, Germany in 1861, is an international community, with three provinces in the United States. The St. Louis Province ministers in the areas of education, health care and social services.

Madison Library plans sale

The Madison Public Library will hold a book fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 2 and 3.

Included in the sale will be westerns, mysteries, romances as well as other fiction and non-fiction books. There will be materials available for juveniles,

young adults and adults in both hard back and paperback editions. Magazines and records also will be for sale.

Prices will range from 10 cents to \$2. Patrons will be able to buy books by the bagful or individual copies.

Big Brothers seek heroes

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois is seeking adult volunteers to serve as "heroes," friends and role models for children 7 — 14 from single-parent homes.

Volunteers should be 18 or older

and interested in spending time with a child once a week.

Newcomers are invited to an informational meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Suite 9, 7705 West Main St., Belleville.

Lamaze classes at SEMC

The Obstetrics Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., is offering classes in the Lamaze method of birthing for expectant fathers and mothers during the last three months of pregnancy.

Classes are provided as a community service and meet in the Pre-Natal Classroom on the second floor of SEMC's Going

Strong Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa St. across from the medical center.

Tuesday sessions will begin on May 30. Wednesday sessions will begin on May 31, and Thursday sessions will begin on June 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call the SEMC Obstetrics Department at 798-3040.

Still time for Louisville trip

Openings still remain for the trip to Louisville, Ky., on June 16-19 being sponsored by the Granite City Park District.

The three-day trip will include factory tours of the Louisville Slugger Bat factory, Phillip Morris factory, Kentucky Horse Park, Churchill Downs, tour of Louisville, Bardstown, Ky., and

the Stephen Foster story presentation. Three buffet evening meals are included.

The group will stay at the Galt House in Louisville. Prices vary from \$189.45 for a single room to \$142.12 for each person four to a room.

For more information call 877-3059.

Telethon benefits children

G. Duncan Bauman, chairman of the St. Louis Variety Club Allocations Committee, has announced that forms are now available to apply for money raised during the 1989 Sammy Davis Jr. Variety Telethon on March 11-12 on KMOV, Channel 4.

Funding is restricted to agencies in the Greater St. Louis area that provide services for disabled and disadvantaged children.

Last year, the St. Louis Vari-

ety Club provided special funding for 161 children's agencies. This included the distribution of keys and titles to 21 Sunshine Coaches.

Area children's agencies may obtain applications for funding by calling the St. Louis Variety Club office (314) 621-9184 or by writing to the St. Louis Variety Club, 13075 Manchester Road, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

The deadline for applications is June 30.

Breast-feeding class planned

For those parents who choose breast-feeding for their baby and want to know more about the subject, St. Elizabeth Medical Center is offering a course on the basics.

"Breast-feeding Your Baby" will be offered June 5 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Going Strong Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa.

Sue Teitloff, R.N., and member of the Illinois Region Four Breast-feeding Task Force, will be instructing the class on such topics as: advantages of breast-feeding, basic "how to's" of breast-feeding, tips for mothers who need to return to work and suggestions for increasing success and avoiding problems.

"The class offers parents the opportunity to increase the advantages of breast-feeding by providing them with valuable knowledge about techniques and offering suggestions to increase success and avoid problems," Teitloff said.

Fathers, infants and supportive others are welcome.

Army honors Granite family

A Granite City military family has been named the U.S. Army Materiel Command's "Great American Family" for 1989.

Capt. and Mrs. Walter W. Krupco and their four children were named as the family "whose daily lives exemplify the time-tested values which strengthen their community and the nation."

Krupco, who in August 1987 was assigned to the Charles Melvin Price Support Center with the military personnel office, has led the family in community service activities, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Red Cross.

Krupco, his wife, Lila, and children, William, Walter, Robert and Pamela, are deeply involved with the American Red Cross, three of them certified Red Cross first aid instructors.

Krupco has received his 6,000 volunteer hours award and his oldest son has received an award for 300 hours of volunteer service.

The Krupco family can be seen together at many events which require a first aid station. These include the Veiled

Prophet Fair, chaplain's 24-hour walkathon, the Armed Forces Day observance and other events.

Mrs. Krupco is active in the Girl Scout organization and has also organized and operated a network of support for Army recruiters in Illinois and Missouri.

The family was nominated for the honor by Major James Trimble, chief of military personnel, Charles Melvin Price Support Center.

The award is sponsored by the American Family Society in conjunction with the Armed Ser-

vices YMCA.

In 1986, the family won a similar honor, being named "Family of the Year" for the St. Louis Recruiting Battalion.

They advanced to national competition but were not named national winners. This year, they are again in national competition.

Krupco is now on a year's tour to Korea. The family is living in Granite City.

Following the Korean tour, Krupco will return to duty at the Price Center.



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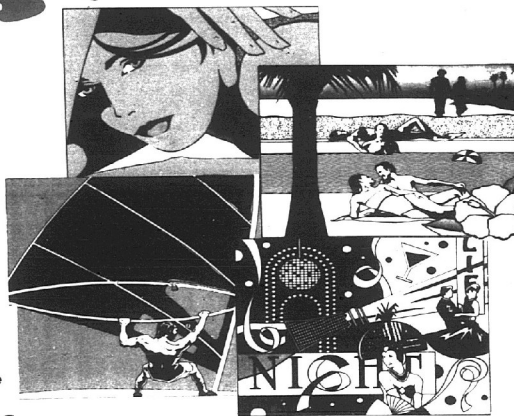
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Quake would shake Illinois, Missouri

By Sabrina Eaton
For the Journal

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., and Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., on May 18 proposed legislation to improve U.S. preparedness for the major earthquake experts think will shake the U.S. in the next 20 years.

Their amendment to the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 would mandate educational programs on earthquakes, make agencies develop damage-reduction strategies like revised building codes, and specify emergency response plans for earthquakes.

"My concern is this: Should such a terrible event occur tonight, or tomorrow, would the Mayor of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, or Memphis, Tennessee, know where to call for help?" Danforth said.

"Would rescue equipment be available?" he continued. "Would emergency response agencies be prepared to do their job? Would we be able to transport physicians, nurses and medical supplies to the stricken region and do it quickly?"

Scientists say there is almost a 100 percent chance of a major

earthquake striking east of the Rocky Mountains before the year 2010. One of the most likely sites would be the New Madrid fault on the Tennessee-Missouri border.

An earthquake there on April 27 measured 4.7 on the Richter scale and was felt in Tennessee, Missouri, Mississippi and Illinois.

The U. S. Geological Survey has established a 60 percent probability of an earthquake measuring 7.5 or greater hitting the San Andreas fault in Southern California in the next 30 years.

In that time frame, they say there is a 50 percent chance that a 7.0 quake will rattle the San Andreas or Hayward faults in the San Francisco area.

The earthquake that devastated Soviet Armenia last December registered 6.9 on the Richter scale. A similar earthquake in the U. S. would cause extensive deaths, injuries and property damage, scientists predict.

The bill would ask the Federal Emergency Management Agency, USGS, National Science Foundation, and National Institute of Science and Technology to develop public information

programs to alert the public to earthquake dangers.

Under the legislation, the agencies would develop programs and strategies to reduce earthquake damage, including model building codes and construction guidelines, and would estimate costs of retrofitting existing buildings for safety.

The agencies would assess their existing response plans, including the availability of equipment and personnel, acquire additional resources where needed, and develop a strategy to coordinate emergency responses between federal, state and local authorities.

Costs of the preparedness measures suggested in the proposal won't be estimated until implementation is underway, said Danforth spokesman Steve Hilton.

"We'd be incurring costs now to avoid damage costs later," he said.

Senator Alan Cranston, D-Calif., introduced a bill on April 7 that calls for increased earthquake preparedness and shifting lead-agency responsibility for earthquake responses from FEMA to the USGS.

Cranston had not seen the

Danforth-Gore bill and was not able to comment, but an aide who saw a draft of the proposal said it seemed "very complementary" to Cranston's measure.

"Both bills are trying to upgrade the earthquake program and save lives, they just take different approaches," said Gary Aldridge, a legislative assistant to Cranston.

Both are under the jurisdiction of the Senate Commerce Committee, where Danforth is ranking Republican and Gore is a senior Democrat.

Hilton said Danforth was concerned the reorganization aspects of Cranston's bill would bog down emergency responses with bureaucratic wrangling.

"When you reorganize a federal agency you take time out from policy work," said Hilton. "That raises concerns in Danforth's mind that reorganization would actually weaken preparation for responding."

Cranston suggested the change because he believes the USGS is in a stronger position to work with states and regions on earthquake preparedness, said Aldridge.

House bill bans cult activities, ritual mutilation

SPRINGFIELD — Bills to authorize prosecution for mutilations and suicides resulting from ritual cult activities were passed by the Illinois House on May 19.

One of the bills, passed on an 86-17 vote, establishes the new crime of ritualistic mutilation. It would include mutilation, torture or dismemberment of another person as part of a ritual.

The sponsor, Rep. Robert Regan, R-University Park, said it was aimed primarily at satanic cult activities. There have been examples of fingers being chopped off and other tortures as part of the cult practices, he said.

A provision of the bill clearly excludes the Jewish ritual of circumcision from the bill. Regan said the bill would put Illinois on the cutting edge of trying to stop the damaging

cult activities.

"This is a serious problem happening all over the country and all over the world, and it's happening in your areas," Regan told House members.

Another bill sponsored by Regan, approved by a 115-0 vote, would create a new crime of inducement to commit suicide. It would consist of encouraging someone to commit suicide through physical or psychological controls.

"This will help us go after those who brainwash our kids into committing suicide," Regan said.

Two teen-agers in his district had committed suicide as a result of involvement in satanic cult activity, he said.

Both of the new crimes would be Class 2 felonies, carrying potential penalties of up to seven years.

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No. 85-00400
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How long must husband be gone for survivors to collect benefits?

By Bill Hunot
Social Security Administration

Following are the typical questions given to the Social Security Administration.

Q. My daughter's husband disappeared about three years ago. She's been left with two children to support. We think he's dead because he'd have missed his children too much to stay away this long. Is there any way they could get Social Security benefits?

A. The children and mother can get survivor's benefits if the father's death can be presumed. That would be the case if he has been absent from home without explanation and not heard from for at least seven years and if circumstances indicate that he would have been likely to communicate with family or friends.

For more information about survivor's benefits call 800-234-5772.

Q. I heard that Social Security's funeral benefit has been done away with. Is this true?

A. The lump-sum death payment is still paid under some circumstances.

It is paid to a spouse who was living with the deceased at the time of death or who is eligible for Social Security as the widow or widower.

If there is no surviving spouse, the payment can go to a child who is eligible for Social Security.

ty benefits as the deceased person's survivor. This would be a child under age 18, or under 19 and still in high school, or an older child who has been disabled since childhood.

If there is no surviving spouse or eligible child the payment is not made.

The lump-sum death payment is \$255 and is designed to help with some of the costs of the funeral.

Q. Does Medicare help pay for dental work?

A. Only if it involves surgery of the jaw, setting fractures of the jaw or facial bones or other services that would be covered if they were provided by a physician. Routine dental care, such as fillings and extractions, are not covered.

Q. I received a government pension. Will I receive any Social Security on my husband's record?

A. Some or all of your benefit on your husband's record may be reduced if you receive a government pension based on your own work. Unless you meet an exemption from this rule, benefits due you as a spouse are reduced by an amount equal to two-thirds of your pension.

You won't be affected by this provision if your government work was covered by Social Security. There are other exemptions for people who were eligible for their pensions before

July 1983 and meet other requirements. For more details call Social Security and ask for a copy of Fact Sheet No. 1-Government Pension Offset.

Q. I was denied Social Security disability. I can't understand why this happened to me. My doctors all say that I'm too disabled to work. Do I have to get a lawyer to get what I'm entitled to?

A. If you do not agree with Social Security's decision you have a right to appeal it. That means you can ask the agency to look at your case again. A different worker will examine the evidence and make another decision. If the first decision was wrong it will be corrected. If you disagree with the decision on your appeal you can also appeal that decision. There are three levels of appeal within Social Security.

You have 60 days from the date you receive notice of a decision to file an appeal.

You have a right to be represented by a qualified person in dealing with Social Security. However, you do not have to have an attorney to file an appeal. Social Security will supply the necessary forms and help complete them.

Send your questions about Social Security to Bill Hunot, St. Louis News Service, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 108, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

and provide for a review/response system to measure agency performance. The legislation would also require the State Auditor to be directly involved in the review process, establish a procedure for assessing the needs of the electorate and allow for legislative review of agency performance during the General Assembly's appropriation process. The 12-member advisory group would be selected by legislative leaders and would report to the General Assembly by March 1, 1990.

"State government must be accountable for the money it spends."

Under House Bill 2279, the advisory group would help set standards, review agency mis-

Board would monitor agencies

SPRINGFIELD — An Illinois House committee recently approved legislation, co-sponsored by state Rep. Ron Stephens, R-Troy, which would set up an advisory board of business professionals to monitor the efficiency and accountability of state agencies.

"This legislation will enable us to take a closer look at state agencies and determine if they are, indeed, spending their money wisely, and if their programs are accomplishing established goals," Stephens said. "If they fail in either area, the programs should be changed or discontinued."

Stephens said the proposed high-level advisory group would be modeled after the "Grace Commission," which now monitors the efficiency of federal government programs. The advisory group would consist of key businessmen who would make recommendations to government officials on how to improve state programs and services. "Our aim is to have business professionals apply their experience in the competitive business world to state government," Stephens said.

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Teen desires foster home

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is seeking help from area families who are willing to provide care to foster children of all ages.

These are youngsters whose biological parents, for many reasons, are unable to care for them. Some children may have been abandoned, others neglected or abused. Until their problems are resolved, they need foster care. They need foster parents who will give them the advantage of a warm and secure home environment, a DCFS spokesman said.

Currently, there is need for additional homes for teen-agers as well as sibling groups. The Journal, in cooperation with DCFS, presents the following profile of a foster care case.

Everybody had a home to go to last Christmas but Cathy. It

was the third year she had spent the holiday season in a children's institution.

Cathy's 15th birthday was last week. Her house parents and the girls in her dorm have her a party. Later the kids in her "Happy Birthday" but somehow it just didn't seem right to Cathy. The girl is in the sixth grade and is spunky haired and high heeled boots, she looks like she's 17.

Cathy will not be returning home. She is under the guardianship of DCFS until she reaches her 18th birthday. The girl was abused by her mother's boyfriend when she was 10 years old. Now, he is married to her mother and it would not be safe for Cathy to return.

Since she has been away from her family for three years, the girl needs a special kind of

foster home. She would fit in with either a single foster mother or foster couple who have time to provide strong, consistent, but loving care. The foster mother or family would have to be very tolerant of her teen-age "acting out" behavior and understand that when Cathy begins to feel safe, her behavior improves. The youngster is affectionate and fun to be with them when given the chance.

DCFS provides a monthly board payment to help cover the basic expenses of caring for a child. Medical, dental and other special expenses are also paid by the state.

If you are interested in giving a home advantage to Cathy, or in foster care in general, call George Hairston, resource development specialist, at (618) 398-5910 or the toll-free number at 1-800-624-KIDS.

Summer at SIUE: comedy, show biz

A warm love story, a popular "whodunit" thriller, and an unlikely musical comedy are on tap for this year's Summer Show Biz '89 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Ira Levin's "Deathtrap" leads the list of summer offerings with its ingenious plot twists in a skilful blending of two priceless theatrical ingredients — gasp-inducing thrills and spontaneous fun. "Deathtrap" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, July 6-9, in the Communications Building theater on campus.

"I Do, I Do" is a priceless musical love story about marriage, children, marriage, quarrels, marriage, money problems, marriage, love and, of course, marriage. With book and lyrics by Tom Jones and the inimitable

musical style of Harvey Schmidt (they collaborated on "The Fantasticks"), this cheerful piece is sometimes brassy and bold, alternately soft and touching, sometimes tongue-in-cheek.

"I Do, I Do" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays, July 13-16, July 20-23 and July 27-30, all in SIUE's Metcalf Student Experimental Theater.

Tickets for "Deathtrap" and "I Do, I Do" are \$5, seniors \$4. SIUE faculty, staff, as well as all students and children, \$3.50.

An unlikely musical chronicling the life of famed gunslinger Jesse James, "Diamond Studs," will hit the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 3-4 and 10-11, all in the Communications Building theater.

This rendition of the James Saga is a saloon musical — the book is by Jim Wann, music and lyrics are by Bland Simpson and Jim Wann — that even had New York critics stomping their feet. Newsweek called it "a fresh and funny fusillade of tomfoolery."

Tickets for "Diamond Studs" are \$6, seniors, SIUE faculty and staff, as well as all students and children, \$4.50.

Summer Show Biz '89 is supported in part through funding from the CAMELOT/Special Projects Fund of the Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis.

For more information about Summer Show Biz '89, as well as subscription ticket sales, call the SIUE department of theater and dance at (618) 692-2774 or

Depositors can still protect money

The author is Catherine R. Mauck, extension adviser, Home Economics, University of Illinois Extension Service in Madison County.

If you have an account at a federally insured bank, savings and loan or credit union, you probably don't have to worry about the safety of your deposits. That's because deposits of up

to \$100,000 are fully protected by federal insurance funds.

But if you're lucky enough to have more than \$100,000 in deposits in financial institutions, you may want to take steps to protect all of your money.

University of Illinois Extension consumer economists say there are several ways to do that. One option is to save at more than

one institution. Your deposits are protected for up to \$100,000 in each financial institution in which you have accounts.

Another alternative is to set up a retirement account. Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and Keogh accounts are insured up to \$100,000, separate from insurance on any other account at the same institution.

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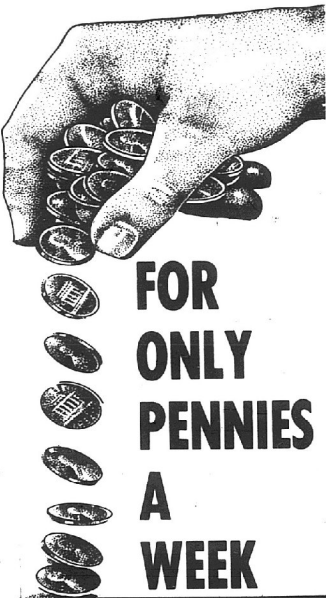


Words that demean and insult a child can hit as hard as a fist. And leave scars you can't see. Stop using words that hurt. Start using words that help.

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